

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 am: Sunday School 10:30 am: Morning Worship

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Words for silent meditation: *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!*
(Psalm 98:4)

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Mateo Roth

Welcome! Pastor Brad

The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 98 Geneva Wedel
(Antiphon on insert)

Greetings in Christ's Peace

****Celebrating in song** Oh, Draw Me, Lord (Words on screen)
Here I Am to Worship
Blessed assurance
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Scripture Matthew 18:21-35 Rodney Dyck
Pg 975

Preschool Children dismissed to Little Flock

Message "78" Pastor Brad

Song of Response Forgive our sins as we forgive HWB 137

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** Make me a channel of your peace STJ 56

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Mateo Roth

Sermon Notes

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Matthew 18:21-35

Theme

God forgives us and calls us to forgive others.

Key Verse

(Matthew 18:21-22) Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Notes

A Prayer

Merciful God, grant us the grace to forgive those who have wounded us, that we might enter your kingdom with joy.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

11. Internationally acclaimed baritone, peace activist and Hesston College faculty member Tony Brown brings music and history alive in documentary and concert experience with *I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's Life in His Words and Songs*. Legendary folk singer Pete Seeger shares on video his friendship in turbulent times with Robeson. Enjoy the show and much more at **A Hesston College Homecoming – Each Other's Light: A Multicultural Celebration Sept. 25 to 28**. Go to hesston.edu/homecoming for schedule and registration information.

12. Thurs., Sept. 18 – Artist reception for “Five Decades of Fun: The Work of John David Boyd,” currently on display in the Regier Art Gallery in Bethel’s Fine Arts Center; 6-8 PM. in/around the gallery.

13. Sun., Sept. 21 – **KIPCOR 2014-15 film series begins with the 2007 documentary *Miss HIV*, 3 PM., Krehbiel Auditorium in Bethel College’s Fine Arts Center**; free with donations accepted to support the work of KIPCOR. The 88-minute film exposes the heated rhetoric, conflicting agendas, high stakes and heavy toll in the battle over strategies to cope with the ongoing AIDS epidemic. Talk-back session will follow screening.

14. Sun., Sept. 28 – “Bethel College Wind Ensemble Plays the Classics II” opens the concert season at Bethel, 3 PM., Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center; free with freewill offering taken to support music study and performance at Bethel

Our Mission : God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by **Thur. noon**. Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. On Sunday, **September 21st**, immediately following the morning worship service there will be a noon sandwich, salad and dessert lunch in Fellowship Hall. Each family is asked to bring **sandwiches, salad or dessert**. After lunch, our congregation will hold a meeting where we can listen to each other and share about our experiences and convictions regarding how the church relates to homosexuals. Please plan now to attend and share your thoughts.

2. Ariane Bergen recently returned to her service assignment with MCC in Nicaragua. She suggests the following ways to support her:

1.) Donate to MCC or attend MCC events. (MCC; 21 S 12th St; Akron, PA 17501; or donate online)

2.) Donate to Ariane specifically by writing a check to MCC and writing in the memo line "Ariane Bergen - PDA" (MCC covers all of Ariane's basic needs, like housing, food, and transport. Money given to Ariane's PDA - "Personal Drawing Account" - helps her cover "extras," like ½ of the cost of internet access and gym membership. Note: PDA donations are not tax deductible.)

3.) Pray!

4.) Write her a letter:

Ariane Bergen
Comite Central Menonita
Apartado 5594
Managua, Nicaragua

3. Christian Homemakers will meet **Thursday, Sept. 18**, at 7 PM for a work night. We will put together school kits for MCC. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Kits must contain new items only. Items needed are:

4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)

8 unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)

12 colored pencils (in packaging)

1 large pencil eraser

4. On September 28, Pastor Brad and family will be out for a short vacation trip. Matt Lehman of Mennonite Mission Network will bring the message.

5. Wednesday Night Meals: Anyone interested in helping serve Wednesday night meals please let Connie Kaufman know. We will be serving meals in October and November for a total of 8 meals in the fall and will serve February and March in the spring. We will divide into 4 groups with each group serving 2 meals.

6. All women are invited to join us for breakfast as we make SPACE (Sisters Praying and Casting Encouragement) for God on Sat., Sept. 20 from 9-10 AM at West Zion. This is a time for visiting, scripture, and prayer as we set apart Christ as Lord in our hearts (I Pet. 3:15). Invite your friends and neighbors.

General Announcements

7. Life Enrichment-Sept. 17

9:30 AM: *A Christian Liberal Arts University in the Former Soviet Union, Jim Mininger.*

10:35: *From Creamer Building to a Global Presence: The Bradbury Company of Moundridge, Matt Werner*

11:30: *Summer Internships, Research and Service Projects, Bethel College students.*

8. **"Walk with a Resident Walk-A-Thon"** takes place Sept. 25th at 6 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. All monies collected from this walk go towards the 2014 Benefit Day Project which is updating and remodeling of the bathing units. One bathing unit has been finished and the other is yet to be done.

9. Sept. 26th and 27th we are having a garage/bake sale. On Friday, September 26th the garage/bake sale is from 5- 7PM, and Sat. from 8 AM - 12 noon. On Sat. from 7:30-9 AM there is a breakfast of coffee, juice and rolls served. Also on Saturday a lunch of Sloppy Joes, pickles chips and desserts is available from 10:30 –12 noon.

10. Farmers Market continues through September. We have tomatoes, peppers, sweet potatoes, baked goods, honey and jams. We expect a Fall crop of sweet corn to be ready between September 16-23. If interested in an order of corn, contact Mark Rupp at 620 345-6603 between those dates.

~ Wish “ **Happy Birthday**” this week

September 16: Kelly Jantz & Shirley Loganbill

September 17: Jaime Hollingsworth

September 18: Will Kaufman

September 20: Joshua Schmidt

~Wish “**Happy Anniversary**” this week

September 14: Denise & James Shipley

September 20: Rhonda & Jon James

September 26: Harvey & Lois Thiessen

Joys and Concerns

The family of Gwen Voth after Gwen’s passing earlier this week. Gwen’s funeral will be held September 20, 1:00 PM at our church.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Justin Shenk and Valerie Showalter, who serve through MMN, are helping the Round Chapel, a congregation in London, England, find new ways of engaging the community – a weekly parent-toddler time, and intergenerational sessions of exploring arts and cooking. Pray that people will be drawn to Jesus through these activities.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for Kay Schroeder as he is ordained as a pastor at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS.

Attendance: Worship: 64 Sunday School: 26

Sunday- September 21

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr

Greeters: Jr. Loganbill, Nancy Ottley, & Tim Diehl

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, & Tim Diehl

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Bonnie Kaufman

Accompanist: Carla Stucky

Coming Events

Sept. 17: Choir Practice 7 PM, Church Council 8 PM

Sept. 18: Christian Homemakers –Work night 7 PM

Sept. 19: Craft Night 5 PM-12AM

Sept. 20: SPACE 9-10AM

Sept. 21: Congregational listening meeting –the church and homosexuality.

Sept. 24 **No** Choir Practice

Sept. 28: Sunday School Picnic @ Lohrenz cabin 5 PM,
(note new location)

Oct. 1: Wed Night Supper, Choir 7 PM

Oct. 8: Wed Night Supper, Choir 7 PM

Oct. 15: Wed Night Supper, Choir 7 PM, Church Council 8 PM

Oct. 18: Bethel Fall Fest

Oct. 22: Wed Night Supper, Choir 7 PM

Oct. 29: Wed Night Supper, Choir 7 PM

Nov. 9: Budget Meeting

Reproducible Congregational Part

Psalm 98


Refrain: Psalm 98:1a
Verses: Hal H. Hopson

Hal H. Hopson

Verses

1. God has done such marvelous things; *(R)*
2. Justice, love, and peace abound; *(R)*
3. Sing with the harp and the trumpet strong; *(R)*
4. Seas be glad, let the oceans roar; *(R)*

Refrain (All)




Sing to the Lord a new song.

Verses

- (1.) God's great might all the earth now sings. *(R)*
- (2.) Israel's strength in the Lord is found. *(R)*
- (3.) To the Lord let your praise prolong. *(R)*
- (4.) Praises sound from shore to shore. *(R)*

Refrain (All)

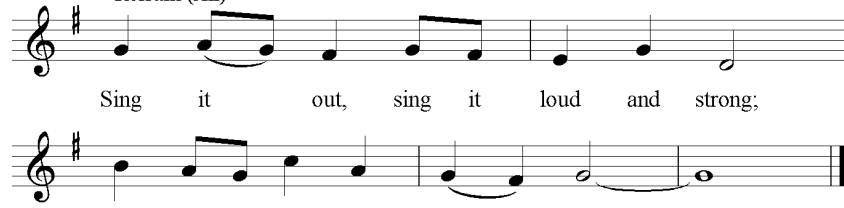


Sing to the Lord a new song.

Verses

- (1.) God's great power now is shown "God has triumphed," make it known. *(R)*
- (2.) When in need the people did call, God's great might was shown to all. *(R)*
- (3.) To the King lift up your voice. Shout your praise, in God rejoice. *(R)*
- (4.) God now comes to rule in might. God brings justice, truth, and light. *(R)*

Refrain (All)



Sing it out, sing it loud and strong;

Sing to the Lord a new song.

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